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Application Number	09/972,282
Filing Date	October 5, 2001
First Named Inventor	Benne VELSHER
Art Unit	2874
Examiner Name	Jerry T. Rahl
Attorney Docket Number	81925.0005

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

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- iii. ☒ Other: Check in the amount of \$950.00 for 3-months extension of time and check for \$344 for additional independent claims are enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the RCE (Request for Continued Examination) being filed in connection with the above-identified Application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.